

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 30th day of January 2018, the Amarillo City Council met at 3:00 p.m. for a work session, and the regular session was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON
ELAINE HAYS
FREDA POWELL
EDDY SAUER
HOWARD SMITH

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARED MILLER
MICHELLE BONNER
MICK MCKAMIE
ANDREW FREEMAN
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MGR.
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Kevin Deckard, Polk Street United Methodist Church. Mayor Nelson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A proclamation was presented for "Texas Heritage Week."

A donation of a Quanah Parker Bronze Statue was presented from King and Dianne Hill.

Mayor Nelson established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edith DiTammoaso, 1613 Bowie Street, #B, spoke in favor of the City's property transfer to the Habitat for Humanity. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, #158, spoke on Items No. 2 and 3. He stated he is opposed to any additional annexations. He further stated he is against reducing the number of sworn positions at the police department. Chief Drain replied to Mr. Finegold's concerns. Sharon Gowens, 4206 Northeast 13th Avenue, stated she has turned the City over to the Environmental Protection Agency because of the dumpster still sitting in front of her house. There were no further comments.

ITEM 1: Mayor Nelson presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to approval the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

A. **MINUTES:**

Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting held on January 23, 2018.

B. **ORDINANCE NO. 7708:**

(Contact: Andrew Freeman, Economic Development Manager)

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance approving the transfer of Lots 001 through 006, Block 0003, Lee Green's Addition, an addition to the city of Amarillo, Potter County, Texas to Amarillo Habitat for Humanity, in accordance with Section 253.011 and Section 272.001 of the Texas Local Government Code; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to transfer ownership; providing for severability, and effective date.

C. **CONSIDER AWARD – FY 16/17 - FY 20/21 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM I-40 AND SUNRISE DRIVE SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION:**

(Contact: Kyle Schniederjan, Engineer)

West Texas Utility Contractors, Inc. -- \$142,836.00

This item is to consider award of the construction contract for the installation of a new 16-inch sanitary sewer main with corresponding appurtenances to facilitate initial infrastructure needs in the area including the East Gateway Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ #2).

D. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT WITH AMARILLO COLLEGE:**

(Contact: Kevin Starbuck, Assistant City Manager)

This agreement will authorize Amarillo College to operate on the City of Amarillo NEXGEN Radio Communications System with applicable infrastructure support fees assessed per the agreement.

E. **AVIATION CLEAR ZONE EASEMENT:**

(Contact: Cody Balzen, Planner I)

Aviation Clear Zone Easement, being 3,800 feet above mean sea level above the plat of Amarillo Boulevard East Addition Unit No. 7, an addition to the City of Amarillo, being an unplatted tract of land in Section 105, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 2: Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing to gather comments for and against the annexation of a 91.334 acre property situated south of the city limits, and located near the southwest corner of the intersection of South Georgia Street and West Loop 335, and extending west/southwest along West Loop 335. This item was presented by Cody Balzen, Planner I. Mayor Nelson opened this item for public comment. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, inquired why the City wanted to annex the land. Mr. Balzen replied it was at the request of the landowner. This allows the City to take ownership of the property and the City could not maintain the street. Floyd Hartman, Assistant City Manager, replied the street should have been annexed during the subdivision planning in 1965. Edith DiTommaso, 1613 Bowie Street inquired if this would be part of the Ports-to-Plains. There were no further comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3: Mayor Nelson presented the first reading of an ordinance considering reducing the number of sworn positions at the Amarillo Police Department. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Hays, that the following captioned ordinance be passed:

ORDINANCE NO. 7709

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SWORN POSITIONS AT THE AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Nelson suggested some of these spots be categorized. She suggested a landscaper, master gardener, construction, artist, and a couple of open spots could overlapped. Councilmember Sauer inquired if Beth Duke was a board member on Center City. Motion was made by Councilmember Powell to appoint Andi Wardlaw, Jacob Breeden, Keith Grays, Kelley Sims, Sonja Gross, Steve Austin and Councilmember Eddy Sauer, motion was seconded by Councilmember Sauer. Councilmember Hays stated they could call on the other candidates for subcommittees.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Hays, Powell, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ATTEST:


Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


Ginger Nelson, Mayor